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OHIO MAN GUILTY
IN CHILD EXPLOITATION OFFENSE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, announced that Arthur Norman, 55, of Hamilton, Ohio appeared in United States District Court and pled guilty to traveling the interstate with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct.

The defendant was arrested in October, 2004, after an investigation by the Manchester Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that he had traveled from Ohio to Manchester, NH to stay in the home of a friend with the intent to molest a minor child in the home. He also admitted to traveling from the State of New Hampshire to Maine and Vermont for the purpose of finding a child with the intent of taking the child to a motel to engage in sexual acts.

United States Attorney Colantuono stated: "Cases involving the sexual exploitation of children remain among the highest priority matters handled by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire. This office will aggressively seek to prosecute those individuals who choose to prey on our children." U.S. Attorney Colantuono praised the Manchester Police Department and the FBI for continuing their diligent work in bringing to justice those who would engage in such heinous victimization of children.

The defendant will be sentenced on July 28, 2005, and, if the provisions of the plea agreement are accepted, will serve 10 years in prison. This prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.